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A SLEIGHING ACCIDENT.
While conveying a prisoner to jail yesterday afternoon in a sleigh, Mr. James Stafford met with an accident near the corner of South and Washington streets. Thinking his vehicle was in first-class order, Mr. Stafford was driving at a good gait, when one of the runners broke, dumping both of them into the street.
In a short while the damage was repaired and the prisoner was landed safely in jail.

HUMOR IN EARLIER VERSE

It is one of the American standing jests to show an Englishman in the act of not taking a joke—laughing an hour after at some witticism or making an answer to a highly humorous question which proves him to have taken it seriously. In fact, the American treats the Englishman just as the Englishman treats the Scotchman—there has always been some portion of an intellectual, fun-loving race which served the purpose of Boscia in ancient Greece, playing the part of the butt.
American humor has at least three ingredients, nevertheless, and chief of these is the sense of humor inherited from England. A certain national alertness and quickness of mind—light-mindedness it might be called by those not favorably disposed to use humor from another foreign admixture, Gallic or Celtic, while the most distinctive note of it, a sardonic or cynical touch, with a flippancy view of death, may come from the North American Indian, so savage is it.

Joe Miller, writing soon after Shakespeare's day, "The Merry Tales," of which Shakespeare speaks, or any early jest book will disclose an abundance of anecdotes over which the American of to-day will laugh as heartily as the Englishman of three centuries ago—more than that, it will show the instructed reader that any number of the jests which are still current, to be heard daily on the streets in the mouths of friends as applicable to some third person not present, but whose existence is known, are a palpable rehash of the incidents of the ages. Andrew Lang has a cheerful ballad on the ancient joke, as follows:

"I am an ancient Jest!
Paleolithic man
In his arborescent nest
The sparks of fun would fan;
My outline did he plan,
And laughed like one possessed,
"Twixt a mirthful course began,
I am a Merry Jest!"
"I am an early Jest!
Man delved and built and span;
Then wondered south and west
The peopled Aryan,
I journeyed in their van;
The Semites, too, confessed,
From Beresheba to Dan,
I am a Merry Jest!"
"I am an ancient Jest,
Through all the human clan,
Black, white, and yellow,
Hilariant I ran!
I'm found in Lucian
In Poggio, and the rest,
I'm dear to Moliere and Nan!
I am a Merry Jest!"

"Prince, you may storm and ban—
Joe Miller's are a pest,
Suppress me if you can!
I am a Merry Jest!"

Not very long ago J. Churton Collins, an English critic of reputation, published "A Treasury of Minor British Poetry," in which he contrived to include a number of worthy poems, as a rule, but all of them containing a spark of undoubted merit. From this a few extracts will show a sense of fun and humor in no way differing from ours to-day. Bishop sings "The Touchstone":

"A fool and knave with different views
For Julia's hand apply;
The knave to mend his fortune views
The fool to please his eye.
"Ask you how Julia will behave
Depend on't for a rule,
If she's a fool she'll wed the knave—
If she's a knave, the fool."

The maid "too willing to be won" had an early celebration from the hands of Lady Mary Wortley Montagu, in her lines "To a Lady Making Love":

"Good madam, when ladies are willing,
A man must needs look like a fool;
For me, I would not give a shilling
For one who would love out of rule."

"You should leave us to guess by your blushing,
And not speak the matter so plain;
'Tis ours to write and be pushing,
'Tis yours to affect a disdain."

"That you're in a terrible taking
By all these sweet orings I see;
But the fruit that can fall without shaking,
Indeed, is too mellow for me."

Lord Nugent has an epigram on a woman who showed temper, which is inspired with perennial youth:

"I loved thee, beautiful and kind,
And pledged an eternal vow;
So altered are thy face and mind,
'Twere perjury to love thee now."

There is a pretty and pious conceit of Sir John Davies, so old it is new:

"As Noah's pigeon, which returned no more,
Did show she footing found, for all the flood;
So when good souls, departed through death's door,
Come not again, it shows their dwelling good."

And two cheerful stanzas from Mat Prior show that the world changes not:

"On his deathbed poor Labin lies,
His spouse is in despair;
With frequent sobs, and mutual cries,
They both express their care."

"A different cause, says Parson Sly,
The same effect may give;
Poor Labin fears that he shall die—
His wife, that he may live."

It is safe to say there will always be some fun in the world.

**PIERCE'S
FAVORITE
PRESCRIPTION
FOR WEAK WOMEN.**

THE STATE OF FRANKLIN

Salaries of State Officials Paid in Pelts.

The Original Name of Tennessee and How the Governor, Chief Justice and Other Officers Were Required for Services Rendered.

There are many things connected with the early history of our country that would seem ridiculous at this age and day, and are received with credulity by a majority of readers whenever and wherever related. In Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee and other States, there is to be heard much that is curious and interesting, particularly when viewed or analyzed in the light of the close of the nineteenth century. With the advancing years, their schools, printing presses, closer communication with other parts of the world, and the thirst for knowledge and consequent increase of wisdom to the extent that what was practiced in many particulars one hundred years ago seems as crude and strange and unnecessary to us now as their actions would appear to the people of to-day.

If we were to inform the readers of the Virginian-Pilot that the original name of Virginia was Elizabeth and that the original name of the State of Tennessee was Franklin, and that in the year 1788 the salaries of the officers were not paid in money, for there was none; nor in tobacco, as in the colonial days of Virginia, but in the skins of animals.

THE LAW.
This statement will be doubted by many, perhaps, but here is the law regulating the payment of salaries. All "Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Franklin, and it is hereby enacted by authority of the same, That from and after the first day of January, 1788, the salaries of this commonwealth be as follows—to-wit:

"His Excellency, the Governor, per annum, 100 deer skins.
"His Honor, the Chief Justice, 500 deer skins.
"The secretary to His Excellency, the Governor, 500 raccoon skins.
"Clerk of the House of Commons, 200 raccoon skins.
"Members of the Assembly, per diem, three raccoon skins.
"Justice's fee for serving a warrant, one mink skin."

THE PRESENT DAY.
It would be hazardous now to propose to square the salary of the dignified and erudite President of our Virginal Supreme Court of Appeals with deer skins, or to come near home, to propose to recompense our Police Justice Tomlin, or Justice of the Peace Dalton for judicial work by an offer of mink pelts. Minks are scarce, even if the prospect of a few days in jail for contempt of court was far more remote than the writer's imagination is capable of fixing it.

In Virginia, when Jamestown was the capital, tobacco was a legal tender, and many of the laws were not alone relics of ignorance and barbarism, but were as ludicrous as the penitential, the proposed were severe and contrary to the spirit of the times that now pervades the body politic.

It would be interesting to recall some of them and, perhaps, the Virginian-Pilot may do so some time when space and data are available. Suffice it for the present that the pelts of animals were not indispensable as a means of paying colonial salaries when Virginia was a colony of Great Britain.

All forms of scrofula, sores, boils, pimples and eruptions are quickly and permanently cured by Hood's Sarsaparilla.

HOW PARISIANS WORK.

Chicago News.
One of the features of street life in Paris which strikes the American visitor with wonder is the extraordinary number of men of leisure to be seen at all hours of the day, lounging and chatting in the cafes. The fact is that many of them are employees of one kind or another, but their hours of labor are very different from those that prevail in America. The young French clerk or book-keeper would throw up his position, even though such an act meant bread and water for years to come, if his employer dared to import what is becoming known on the continent as "American methods."

The Paris clerk wants to come down to his work certainly not earlier than 9 o'clock, and it is often 10 that finds him before his desk, and if his two hours at noon are abridged by the smallest quarter hour, sickness and sourness are the sequel. In positions just a grade above his the incumbents stroll in a lunch from noon to any hour they please, and never stay later than 5 o'clock at their offices. The clerks are full at all hours of the day with prosperous men whose conversation shows them to be engaged in what even the blue-blooded Frenchman is beginning to mention respectfully as "la commerce." These "merchants" are business men in Paris is a "merchant"—ruminate over their affairs in the shade of a cafe awning instead of behind the forbidding railing of a private office.

Immaculate boots, spotless linen and highly polished top hat—all provide that the men do not by any means give all their time to "business." Even in the large department stores such a thing as a clerk working overtime or curtailing his midday meal for any purpose whatsoever has never been heard of. In the store clerks and accountants are obliged to attend their monotonous but never hurried duties. The moment a certain gong strikes they don their glossy high hats, change their short coats for the courtly length required on the boulevards and immediately seek their favorite restaurant or cafe, where they become gentlemen of leisure. "Rentiers," and talk of political affairs or the last salon with highly judicial air and critical eye, as if there were no yards of ribbon and silk waiting for their hands during the afternoon.

Chief Farm Supervisor Tillery, of the penitentiary, says that he has inspected carefully all the penitentiary farms and finds only one, the "Somerville" in good condition. On the Roanoke river farms he finds 6,000 barrels of corn yet unharvested and no less than 500 bales of cotton unpickered there.

BERKLEY.

Mrs. D. A. Graves died yesterday morning at 1 o'clock, at the family residence, on Liberty street, after several days' illness, with grippelike 64 years. She lived a life of usefulness to those about her. She was a consistent member of the Berkley Avenue Baptist church, and always attended services until the infirmities incident to old age came upon her. She leaves to mourn her loss six sons—Messrs. E. A. D. A. Jr., J. P. H. L. W. H. and E. M. Graves; two daughters, Mrs. George V. Dashiell and Miss Daisy A. Graves; three sisters, Mrs. Leonard Hyslop, Mrs. Bette Sturdevant, of Portsmouth, and Miss Jennie Pullen, of Philadelphia; and a brother, Mr. Charles H. Pullen, of Philadelphia. The funeral will be conducted from the residence Monday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

The obsequies of Mr. Aaron F. Myers were conducted from the residence in South Norfolk yesterday afternoon at 4 o'clock. Rev. Paul Bradley, of the Liberty Street M. E. Church, officiated. The remains were forwarded to Amsterdam, New York, for burial.

Mr. W. E. Douglas will continue his special sale next week, he has an immense stock on hand yet to be disposed of. Shoppers will find it to their advantage to call and inspect.

Dr. G. A. Thompson, who left here for New Bern, N. C., to go into business, writes very favorably of his new home.

Mr. Joseph Francis Parks, a clerk of the Adjutant-General of the Seventh Army Corps, Camp Columbia, Havana, has been honorably discharged from the volunteer service and will return home, by way of New York, in a few days.

Judge Parker's condition was somewhat improved yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Davis returned from Elizabeth City, N. C., yesterday afternoon.

Mrs. Joseph H. Hill, after a pleasant visit among friends in Elizabeth City, has returned to her home, on Mount Pleasant avenue.

The Young Ladies' Society of Chestnut Street M. E. Church will give a "Big Party" Tuesday night at 8 o'clock, at the residence of Mrs. Charles Gibbs, on Liberty street. An admission of 5 cents will be charged. All are invited.

The Young People's Society of Christian Endeavors will meet this afternoon at 4 o'clock. A consecration service will be the feature of this meeting, conducted by Mr. F. McGinnis.

The Junior Endeavor Society will meet at 2:30 p. m. A special program has been arranged for the occasion. All of the Juniors are urged to be present.

The Young People's Society of Liberty Street M. E. Church meets at 2:30 p. m.

The young men of the Chestnut Street M. E. Church will hold their prayer and praise service at 2:30 p. m. All young men and boys are invited.

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